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I have never stood up before on this floor to defend Governor Exon with whom I often disagree and have had many verbal disagreements with, but I think mindreading is perhaps one step too far.

PRESIDENT: Well, the body has nothing before it at this particular time. Senator DeCamp, did you wish to be recognized and for what purpose? You're passing? Aright. Senator Chambers, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. President, point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And one of the reasons I'm going to take this point is because it will give a chance for more men to come into the chamber. Somewhat on the line of what Senator Carpenter said, somewhat in opposition to what Senator Stahmer said. Now I read some comments that the Governor made in the newspaper about what he called the ultra-liberal opinion of the Supreme Court with reference to abortion and how he was opposed to it. If he felt that this bill counteracted that so-called ultra-liberal position of the Supreme Court, he ought to have signed the bill because the bill is in accord with his attitude of being opposed to what the Supreme Court did. The Legislature stated that this bill is designed to be opposed to what the Supreme Court did. Now if the Governor felt, as I feel, that that bill was unconstitutional, he certainly should have vetoed it; so, since he did not give as his reason for not signing it that he thought the bill was unconstitutional, I have to agree with Senator Carpenter, that the man who knows how to call people spineless as he did the Legislature, has been engaged in a situation where we can call it self projection. He is the man who ought to have signed this bill and if he was not going to sign it, he should have vetoed it, and I do hope these things bring into sharp focus for the men in the Legislature the type of individual who's in the office of the Governor. During these last days there's going to be other bills passed and the Governor is going to try to play games with them so I hope you keep in mind the things that he has done and weigh that against the things he will say as to his reasons for vetoing various bills that he probably will in these last days.

PRESIDENT: Read the reports on the desk.

CLERK: Reads reports. Mr. President, it would seem prudent to adopt the E&R amendments and advance them.

PRESIDENT: Chair concurs that we might be able to adopt the E&R amendments to these and then see what we might do with them beyond that point. Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I move that we adopt the E&R amendments to 530.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion to adopt the E&R amendments to 530. All those in favor of the motion say aye. Those opposed say no. Amendments are adopted.

SENATOR STULL: I move that 530 as amended be advanced to E&R for Engrossing.